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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**  
 Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Carlos PEDRIDO and Bernard LEUENBERGER  
 "Agencement d'entrée de préforme pour four de tirage de fibre optique, four doté  
 d'un tel agencement et préforme équipée pour coopérer avec cet agencement"  
 Our Ref.: Q62474

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including 11 sheets of the  
 specification, including the claims and abstract, and 2 sheets of drawings in the French language.  
**The verified English translation, the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and the  
 Assignment will be submitted at a later date.**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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				<b>\$710.00</b>

**TOTAL FEE**

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$710.00 is attached. You are also directed and  
 authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.  
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and  
 any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the  
 entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this  
 transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from December 27, 1999 based on French Application No. 99 16 526.  
 The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,  
**SUGHRUE, MION, ZINN,  
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